

December 29, 2016

Dear President-elect Trump:

We write to invite you to visit Wyoming, the state that cast the highest percentage of votes for you, in order to see the wide range of energy resources and other assets our home state offers the United States and the world.


Wyoming provides much of the energy for this nation, and communities around the state have been devastated by the current Administration's policies that keep resources in the ground. Thousands have been directly laid off in the natural resources sector, which has trickled down to the rest of the state's economy. With fewer people to serve, stores, restaurants, the real estate industry and construction have all suffered.


By visiting Wyoming, you can see first-hand the work that provides about 40 percent of America's coal. This includes the Powder River Basin, which contains the largest resource of low-sulfur – and therefore low emission – coal in the United States. According to a 2015 U.S. Geological Survey assessment, the Powder River Basin "is the single most important coal basin in the United States" with more than 1 trillion short tons of coal. With an estimated 106 million pounds of uranium reserves, Wyoming is also the nation's leading uranium producer. A trip to Wyoming would allow you to see this uranium production, which provides about 13 percent of the world's electricity. Additionally, Wyoming ranked fifth in natural gas production and eighth in crude oil production in 2015, so visiting Wyoming would also allow you to tour oil and gas operations as well.


While Wyoming is home to the "Energy Capitol of the World," the state offers our country much more than that. F.E. Warren Air Force Base is home to the nation's first operational Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Wing, a key player in the United States' deterrent forces. Our home state has the world's largest deposit of trona, producing the mineral that's used to make glass, medicine, and a number of chemicals our top export. Wyoming ranks first for average size of farms and ranches, and our ranchers and farmers work untiringly every day to help feed the nation. Our state also has a variety of small businesses, which employ nearly 65 percent of the state's private-sector workforce. And, our state is home to the country's first national park, first national forest and first national monument.

We believe it is clear that Wyoming offers many reasons for you to visit, and we welcome the opportunity to show you the energy resources and other benefits Wyoming offers the nation.

Sincerely,


Mike Enzi
United States Senator


John Barrasso
United States Senator


Matt Mead
Governor



Cynthia Lummis
United States Representative



Liz Cheney
United States Representative-elect